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Lizzie's Summer Sunflower

First seen as a CrochetAlong on Cari's blog designed by Liz Walsh



Technique used: Crochet



YARN

Naturally Caron.com Country

(75% Microdenier acrylic, 25% Merino wool; 3 oz/100 g, 185 yds/170 m ball):

Shown in:

#0023 Chocolate Truffle (A), 1 oz

#0011 Gilded Age (B), 3 oz

#0019 Vicuna (C), 1 oz

#0020 Loden Forest (D), 2 oz

Crochet Hook: One size US G-6 (4mm)

One 1/2 x 48"/13mm x 122cm dowel cut to lengths between 18-24"/45.5-61cm Polyester fiber fill

Yarn needle



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Project tip:

Crochet a bouquet! Make a few flowers at a time, cutting the dowels different lengths, to create a stunning bouquet.

STITCHES USED

- Chain (ch)
- Double crochet (dc)
- Single crochet (sc)
- Slip stitch (slip st)

SUNFLOWER Center With A, chain 4; join with slip st in first ch to form a ring.

Round 1: Ch 3, work 12 dc in ring; join with slip st in top of beginning ch—12 sts.

Round 2: Ch 1, sc in each st around; join with slip st in first sc.

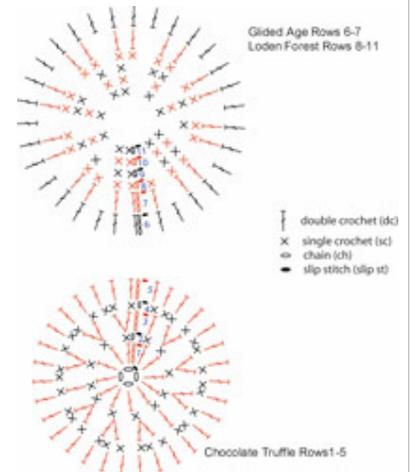
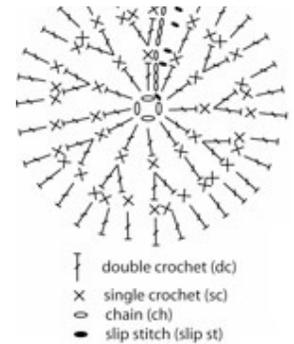


Round 3: Ch 3, *2 dc in next 3 sts, dc in next st; repeat from * around; join with slip st in top of beginning ch—21 sts.

Round 4: Ch 1, sc in first st, *2 sc in next st, sc in next st; repeat from * around; join with slip st in first sc—31 sts.

Round 5: Ch 3, dc in each st around; join with slip st in top of beginning ch. Fasten off.

Tips and Comments: *Stuff the head as much as you can and roll it around in your hands to shape it. Don't worry about the openness on the Gilded Age (gold) part, because the petals will cover this area. Red symbols on the diagram are just to make it easier to read and do not represent color changes.*



Round 6: Join B by drawing up a loop in the top of the beginning ch of Round 5, ch 3, dc in each st around; join with sl st in top of beginning ch.

Round 7: Ch 3, *dc in next 2 sts, sk next st; repeat from * around to last st, dc in last st; join with sl st in top of beginning ch—21 sts. Fasten off.

Step 2 (Rounds 6 & 7): Gilded Age



Round 8: Join D by drawing up a loop in the top of the beginning ch of Round 7, ch 1, sc in each st around; join with sl st in first sc.

Round 9: Ch 1, *sc in next 2 sts, sk next st; repeat from * around; join with sl st in first sc—14 sts.

Round 10: Ch 1, sc in next 2 sts, *sk next st, sc in next 2 sts; repeat from * around; join with sl st in first sc—10 sts.

Round 11: Ch 1, sc in each st around; join with sl st in first sc. Fasten off leaving an 18"/45.5cm tail.

Step 3 (Rounds 8-11): Loden Forest



Step 4: Stuff it!



THE PETALS

There are 4 rows of petals, alternating in colour. Petals 1 & 3 are stitched in Vicuna, 2 & 4 in Gilded Age.

Stitches Used Chain (ch) Double crochet (dc) Single crochet (sc) Slip stitch (slip st) Treble crochet (tr)

First Row of Petals Work with C.

Row 1: Ch 8, sc in second ch from hook, sc in next ch, dc in next 3 ch; leave

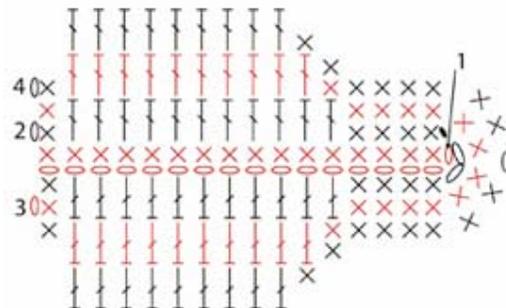


beginning ch (tip); ch 2 and pivot piece to work along opposite side of foundation ch, sc in first 4 ch, dc in next 11 ch, sc in next ch, turn—16 sts along each side of leaf, and ch-2 at tip.

Row 3: Ch 1, sc in first st, dc in next 10 sts, sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next 2 ch (tip); skip the sl st, sc in next 5 sts, dc in next 10 sts, sc in next st, turn—36 sts.

Row 4: Ch 1, sc in first st, dc in next 9 sts, sc in next 8 sts, ch 1 (tip), sc in next 8 sts, dc in next 9 sts, sc in last st. Fasten off leaving an 18"/45.5cm tail.

Leaf (work with D (Loden Forest))



- double crochet (dc)
- single crochet (sc)
- chain (ch)
- slip stitch (slip st)

Stem (make 1)

Note: Make one stem for each sunflower, of desired length. Instructions are given for 18"/45.5cm stem, with changes for 20"/51cm, 22"/56cm, and 24"/61cm stems in parentheses. With D, chain 87 (92, 97, 102).

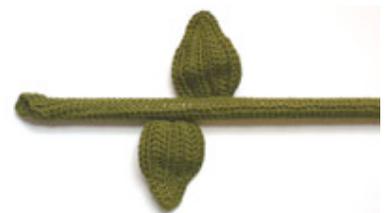
Row 1: Dc in 3rd ch from hook and in each remaining ch across, turn—85 (90, 95, 100) sts.

Row 2–4: Ch 2, dc in each st across, turn.



FINISHING

Assemble Stem Cut dowel to desired length. Using yarn needle and matching yarn, wrap crochet stem around dowel and sew the edges together. Leave the last 1"/2.5cm open. Sew across the lower edge of the stem to keep the dowel from slipping out. . . **Add Leaves** Using yarn tails, sew one leaf on each side of stem, about 5–7"/12.5–18cm down from the top of the stem. . .



Assemble Flower Head

First Ring of Petals Using yarn tail, sew the first row of petals around the flower center, aligning the lower edge of the petals with Round 6 (the first B colored round). **TIP:** When attaching the petals, bring the two ends together to form a circle, and sew the ends together. Then arrange the petals evenly around the flower head before sewing in place. This will help with spacing. . .



Second Ring of Petals Arrange the petals of the second row to fall between the petals of the first row. Using yarn tail, sew the lower edge of the second row of petals around the first row of petals.



Third and Fourth Ring of Petals Sew the next two rows of petals around the previous rings of petals in a similar manner.



Attach Stem to Sunflower Head Insert top of dowel into the hole in the back of the flower head. Pull crochet fabric up and over to cover the top of the dowel and sew in place. Using yarn needle, weave in all ends.



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